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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed February 9, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 20, 1999; December 13, 2000; December 22, 2000; September 7, 2001; May 10, 2002; October 3, 2002; March 3, 2003; April 2, 2003; October 2, 2003; December 16, 2003; November 1, 2004; and October 17, 2005.

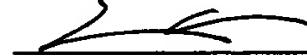
Claims 1-36 were pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 8, 13, 17, 25, 30, and 31 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-36 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,025,630 to Yamazaki. Further, the Official Action rejects claims 30-36 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 5,866,932 to Yamazaki.

In response to this rejection, a *Terminal Disclaimer* will be filed as soon as it is complete and received from Japan. Upon filing of this *Terminal Disclaimer*, the claims of the present invention are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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